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## THE HEAT IS ON—ABSTRACTS DUE

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the Waste & Recycle 2008 Conference, *The Heat is On: No Time to Waste*, to be held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, from **8 to 12 September 2008**.



Hickle; Helen Speigelman; and Sandra Cointreau.

Hurry, as the call for papers closes on **Saturday 1 March 2008**.

For more information visit [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)

Sponsorship and trade opportunities are also available.

Invited and guest speakers include: Jeff Seadon; Enzo Favoino; Mike Munger; Garth

## WHERE'S THE MONEY IN WASTE?

WALGA and the Department of Environment and Conservation will hold a series of workshops on a proposed regional funding model to assist the implementation of Strategic Waste Management Plans (under the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme). The workshops will be held from

10:00am to 12:30 pm on:

- ◆ **Friday 29 February**—Perth (Town of Cambridge);
- ◆ **Tuesday 4 March**—City of Albany;
- ◆ **Thursday 6 March**—Shire of Northam;
- ◆ **Friday 7 March**—City of

Bunbury; and

- ◆ **Tuesday 11 March**—City of Geraldton - Greenough.

Please RSVP by **COB on Wednesday 27 February** to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062 or email [singlis@walga.asn.au](mailto:singlis@walga.asn.au)



## WORK AT MWAC

WALGA is seeking a Waste Project Coordinator and Waste Management Officer.

The positions will be based in West Perth on a 3 year Performance Based Contract (salary package Project Coordinator -\$56-\$60k, Waste Management Officer -\$40-\$45k).

**Waste Project Coordinator**  
The Waste Project Coordinator is responsible for the delivery of a range of

recycling and waste management projects for Local Government, and working closely with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC).

**Waste Management Officer**  
The Waste Management Officer provides administrative support within the Recycling and Waste Management Policy unit, including the preparation of agendas and minutes, organising meetings and

functions, along with word processing and project delivery duties.

Applications close at **5pm on Friday 22 February 2008**.

For more information and application forms please visit [www.workplacesolutions.asn.au](http://www.workplacesolutions.asn.au)

## GET SOME AUTHORITY IN YOUR LIFE

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon. David Templeman MLA, has called for Expressions of Interest for members of the new Waste Authority. The five-member authority is a statutory body established under Part 2 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*.

management and recycling, as well as developing a State Waste Strategy, and promoting and coordinating its implementation.

The Authority comprises five members, including a Chair and Deputy Chair, who are appointed by the Governor.



relating to sustainability, waste services, or waste avoidance and resource recovery, or having an interest relevant to the functions of the Waste Authority.

The Authority will provide strategic advice to the Minister on policy and priorities for dealing with waste

Members are to be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, have skill, experience and knowledge in matters

Expressions of Interest close at **5pm on Wednesday 27 February 2008**. Application forms are available from [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

General Motors in the UK is backing a new system to create bio-fuel to power household cars from rubbish. A pilot plant is to open before the end of 2008.



(Source: RRF, 25 January 2008)

## SLIDING INTO A SOLUTION

In January 2008, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) conducted a survey of Local Government used motor oil storage, both to elicit support for a joint tender, and to determine current Local Government capacity to pay the new collection fees. It was found that almost 96% of Local Governments who

responded would be interested in participating in a Joint Tender.

Most Local Governments were not satisfied with the new fees. Several will cut back programs or increase disposal fees to cover the new charges.

MWAC is currently exploring the

potential for a joint Local Government tender for the collection and disposal of used motor oil. MWAC has approached the Minister about funding such a tender.

For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email [rbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:rbrown@walga.asn.au)

## A STATE OF CONSULTATION?

A Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) Landfill Working Group workshop held in Donnybrook in October 2007 identified concern in the South West with the lack of consideration for waste management issues in large State Government infrastructure projects.

In January 2008, MWAC conducted a survey of Local Government to determine the importance of this issue around the State.

Responses indicated it was not a significant issue for the majority of Local Governments.

Issues included: lack of consultation; unsorted wastes; and requests for disposal at short notice.

For more information please contact Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062 or email [singlis@walga.asn.au](mailto:singlis@walga.asn.au)

## CHEESY APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The first round of Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS) funding for 2008 closes at **5pm on Friday 14 March 2008**.



Business, industry, Local Government, community groups and individuals are encouraged to apply.

The Waste Management Board has identified the following as project priority areas:

- ◆ Organics - source separated greenwaste;
- ◆ Construction and Demolition - supply system and addressing regional areas;
- ◆ Plastics - new technologies;
- ◆ Used Tyres - trials of used rubber products;
- ◆ Hazardous Waste from Households - used water - based paints; and
- ◆ Used Glass - markets and processing.

Applicants must speak to a SWIS Project Coordinator at the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) before submitting an application. For more information please contact Sylvia Bulner on 6467 5230 or email [SylviaBulner@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:SylviaBulner@dec.wa.gov.au)

For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

## GET YOUR MONEY NOW!

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has advised that a large number of Local Governments outside of the metropolitan area that participated in Phase One of the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme are yet to apply for the

\$5000 funding. Could Local Governments please invoice the DEC for the funds before **Wednesday 30 April 2008**, so that payment can be processed in the current financial year.



have invoiced the DEC, but are yet to receive payment should contact their Regional Coordinator.

Any Local Governments who

For more information please contact John Davis on 6467 5200 or email [john.davis@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:john.davis@dec.wa.gov.au)

## PACKAGED UP

The next round of funding for the National Packaging Covenant is now open. Expressions of Interest are

being sought by **COB on Friday 14 March 2008**. For more information visit

[www.packagingcovenant.org.au](http://www.packagingcovenant.org.au) or contact Reuben Gregor on 6467 5391.

## PILOTING AUSZINC

AusZinc, a producer of metals and alloys based in Sydney, have initiated a pilot program to recycle zinc and alkaline batteries.



Extracted zinc from zinc batteries will be used in their zinc manufacturing operations just outside Sydney. Magnesium oxides and other metals found in alkaline batteries will be transported to their parent

company in Newcastle, Industrial Galvanizers Pty Ltd, and used in their galvanizing operations. The cost of recycling is based on gate disposal fees, transport and appropriate containers.

Sustainability Victoria, through their BatteryBack program, and Cleanaway in Perth currently utilise this service. The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) is

putting in place the logistics of transporting just over 10 tonnes of zinc and alkaline batteries for recycling.

For more information contact Geraldine Busby at the EMRC on 9424 2220 or email [Geraldine.Busby@emrc.org.au](mailto:Geraldine.Busby@emrc.org.au)

For more information on AusZinc contact Darryl Moore on 0407 688 991 or email [darryl@evermoore.com.au](mailto:darryl@evermoore.com.au)

## TOWARDS A CHINESE SUMMIT

A 'Towards Zero Waste Summit' will be held in Hangzhou, China from **Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 April 2008**. The Summit is jointly funded by the WA Department of Industry and

Resources (DOIR) and the Government of Zhejiang Province, China.

It is a two-day summit, followed by another two days of field trips to waste facilities.

For more information contact Wei Fisher on 9222 0914 or email [wei.fisher@doir.wa.gov.au](mailto:wei.fisher@doir.wa.gov.au)

## WHAT STEWARDSHIP?

SWB Consulting has been engaged by the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to undertake a review of the Transitional Assistance Grants Component of the Product Stewardship for Oil Programme.

The review will focus on the

role and effectiveness of Transitional Assistance (TA) grants in enabling the collection of used oil and establishing a sustainable oil industry.

A review of the *Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000* will be undertaken separately, later in 2008.

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council has been invited to have input into the review.

For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email [rbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:rbrown@walga.asn.au)

WRAP in the UK is assisting Dairy Crest to design and pilot a new handle-free plastic milk bottle, as part of a drive to reduce packaging waste from UK milk sales by 5,000 tonnes per year.



(Source: [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk))

## COME LOOK AT EMRCs' WOOD

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) is holding an Open Day from **8:30am to 11am on Wednesday 12 March 2008** at the Hazelmere Timber Recycling Centre. The Centre was established to recover and process industrial timber

waste so it can be diverted from landfill and recycled as reusable woodchip. It is projected that in its first year of operation the Centre will process about 10,000 tonnes of timber waste, the majority of which will be used by The Laminex Group in the

manufacture of particleboard at its Dardanup plant.

For more information contact Geraldine Busby on 9424 2220 or email [Geraldine.Busby@emrc.org.au](mailto:Geraldine.Busby@emrc.org.au)

Britain sent 22.6 million tonnes of waste to landfill in 2004-05, more than any other EU country. Germany, the most populous state, sent only 7.1mt to landfill, less than Italy 17mt, Spain 14.2mt and France 12mt.



(Source: Inside Waste, January/February 2008)

## MERU LANDFILL MUSTER

The two millionth Western Australian drum was delivered to the City of Geraldton-Greenough's Meru landfill from a local farm as a part of the drumMUSTER program in September 2007. Over the past eight years, Western Australian farmers

participating in the program have recycled empty containers which have been turned into 2,860 tonnes of recyclable material. The Meru landfill site has collected more than 5000 drums alone in the past two years.

For more information contact Lynley Rayner on 9921 0545 or email [lynleyr@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:lynleyr@cgg.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.drummuster.com.au](http://www.drummuster.com.au) (Source: *The Geraldton Guardian*, 4 February 2008)

## WISH GRANTING NOW OPEN

The first round of the Waste Management Board Community Grants Scheme is now open. Community based groups



including local interest groups, environmental groups and individuals are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on **Friday 4 April 2008**.

For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

## TIPPING POINTS

The Curtin Centre of Excellence in Cleaner Production and Winding Staircase are holding an

Open Space Conversation on 'The Tipping Points' in waste in WA on **Friday 29 February 2008**.

Please RSVP to Adrian Glamorgan at [A.Glamorgan@curtin.edu.au](mailto:A.Glamorgan@curtin.edu.au)

## SCARBOROUGH RISES TO THE CHALLENGE

Scarborough Beach has won the title of Western Australia's best, cleanest and friendliest beach for 2008 at the Clean Beach Challenge Awards. The Awards were organised by

Keep Australia Beautiful WA and Surf Life Saving WA. Cottesloe Beach won two awards for community action and protection of the

environment and Rockingham Beach won the resource management award. For more information visit [www.kabc.wa.gov.au](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au)

## WALPOLE— GOING FOR GOLD

The national finalists in the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Tidy Towns Awards have been announced and will now compete to become Australia's Tidiest Town in

2008. In 2008 the finalists are: Walpole- WA; Nauiyu Nambiya - NY; Dorrigo - NSW; Moe - VIC; Mt Gambier - SA; Ross - TAS; Toowoomba - QLD



The awards are being held in Hobart from **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 April 2008**. For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)

## CLEAN UP YOUR ACT IN MARCH

The 2008 Clean Up Australia Day will be held on **Sunday 2 March 2008**. To date, Clean

Up Australia Day participants have collected more than 200,000 tonnes of rubbish. For

more information or to register a site please visit [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au)

## DUMPS REVEALED

Environment Victoria has announced the 2007 DUMP awards winners.

The DUMP awards recognise

environmentally unsound packaging. Gillette Fusion razors took out the golden Dump Award; and Woolworths

Apple Snacks won the Going Backwards Award.

For more information visit [www.envict.org.au](http://www.envict.org.au)

## UK CHECKS OFF THE 'GREEN LIST'

Revised EU rules will soon come into effect in the UK that better protect developing countries against receiving unwanted waste from wealthier nations.

The 'Green List' regulation -

which covers the export of non-hazardous recyclable materials from the EU - has also been updated to help prevent the export of recyclables to countries outside the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(OECD) that claim they cannot process them in an environmentally sustainable way.

(Source: Environmental Management News, 15 January 2008)

## MORE VIRGIN THAN NOT

### Japanese Paper Industry

The reputation of Japan's paper industry has been questioned after the market leader, Oji Paper, admitted it had lied for more than a decade about the amount of recycled paper it used.

Oji Paper said the amount of recycled paper in its copy and printing paper was as high as



50% when the real figure was between 5% and 10%

(Source: *The Guardian*, 19 January 2008)

### Reduce, Reuse, Re-wear

A number of Japanese companies have implemented voluntary in-store clothing collection schemes for recycling and reuse.

A summary document 'Clothing take-back for recycling and reuse: a Japanese insight' has been released and provides a snapshot of 3 Japanese clothing take back schemes, all voluntarily run.

For more information visit [www.oakdenehollins.co.uk](http://www.oakdenehollins.co.uk) (Source: *Warmer Bulletin*, Issue 112)

## SIZE DOESN'T MATTER

### Light Bulb Ban

The Environment Minister in Ireland has indicated Ireland is to ban the sale of traditional light bulbs from next year and promote the use of low-energy CFL.

It is estimated that the ban will lead to savings of more than 180 million euros a year

for Irish consumers and reduce emissions in Ireland by 800,000 tonnes, or one percent of its total.

(Source: [www.uk.news.yahoo.com](http://www.uk.news.yahoo.com))



### Battery Directive

Draft regulations to implement the new EU Directive on Waste

Batteries have been published. The Directive will apply to all types of batteries irrespective of their shape, weight, composition and use.

For more information visit [www.environ.ie](http://www.environ.ie) (Source: RRF, 11 January 2008)

## A MIDDLE AGED GAS

Laguna Seca Landfill in the US is still releasing low levels of methane gas over 40 years after its closure.

The finding contradicts the scientific belief supporting

state laws that require monitoring of closed landfills for 30 years.

It supports the county's contention that it needs to limit development around active and

closed landfills to protect the public from potential contamination of air and of ground water.

(Source: [www.montereyherald.com](http://www.montereyherald.com))

The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute film that takes viewers on a provocative and eye-opening tour of the real costs of our consumer driven culture from resource extraction to e-waste incineration.



[www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com)

## MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Next Meeting

Date: 16 April 2008

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Local Government House

Check out the WA Local Government Association Website at [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au)



Visit WasteNet [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

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## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 29 February 2008 **Where's the Money in Waste Workshop—Perth (Town of Cambridge)**  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062
- 2 March 2008 **Clean Up Australia Day**  
For more information visit [www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au)
- 4 March 2008 **Where's the Money in Waste Workshop—City of Albany**  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062
- 5-7 March 2008 **Enviro 08**  
Melbourne  
For more information visit [www.enviroconvention.com.au](http://www.enviroconvention.com.au)
- 6 March 2008 **Where's the Money in Waste Workshop—Shire of Northam**  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062
- 7 March 2008 **Where's the Money in Waste Workshop—City of Bunbury**  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062
- 11 March 2008 **Where's the Money in Waste Workshop—City of Geraldton-Greenough**  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062
- 12-13 March 2008 **Events and Public Place Recycling Training Sessions**  
Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF)  
For more information phone Lisa Shadforth on 1300 799 938
- 25-31 August 2008 **Keep Australia Beautiful week**  
For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)
- 8-12 September 2008 **Waste & Recycle 2008 Conference, The Heat is On: No Time to Waste**  
The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle  
For more information visit [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)
- 10-16 November 2008 **National Recycling Week**  
For more information visit [www.planetark.com](http://www.planetark.com)
- 27 February 2008 **EOI for New Waste Authority**  
For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)
- 14 March 2008 **Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS) 2008 Round One**  
For more information contact Sylvia Bulner on 6467 5230 or email [sylvibulner@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:sylvibulner@dec.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)
- 14 March 2008 **Eol's for National Packaging Covenant (NPC) Funding**  
For more information visit [www.packagingcovenant.org.au](http://www.packagingcovenant.org.au) or contact Reuben Gregor on 6467 5391.
- 30 September 2008 **Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme—Phase 2**  
For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

## 2008 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
*"Setting the Environment Right"*

## WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?



The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

